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1. I have been informed by [] of the Security Section of the following developments regarding the Eastern European anti-Communist group of VAJTA and SZUMIAKOWSKI:

2. Monseigneur NYISZTOR is arriving from Rome on Sunday to discuss the organization of the "Union Continental" with the Spanish Foreign Minister ARTAJO. When NYISZTOR arrives plans have been made for him to have lunch together with SZUMIAKOWSKI, VAJTA and LOJENDIO (who represents the Information Section of the Spanish Foreign Ministry), and they will discuss future plans. On Monday or Tuesday (Nov. 24 or 25) NYISZTOR will see ARTAJO. ARTAJO has already directed LOJENDIO to support the Union Continental instead of the Internarium group, as the latter are British and Masonic backed. ARTAJO has also instructed Joaquin RUIZ Gimenez, Presidente of the Instituto de Cultura Hispanica to see SZUMIAKOWSKI and VAJTA. They expect great support there. Particularly in regard to the "studies" planned by this group (listed as "fourth" in Mr. VAJTA's outline of duties on page 2 of the attachment to WSMA-19).

3. Mr. VAJTA plans to go to Portugal in December to see Elemer UJPERETI and Andre's TAMAS, Hungarians, about establishing a branch of the Union Continental in Lisbon. Mr. UJPERETI is a former Hungarian Chargé d'Affaires.

4. [] was also informed me that Mr. Gowan from the

Office of the Political Adviser to the Supreme Commander of the Mediterranean Forces (see page 3, paragraph 3 of reference report) is coming to Madrid in the near future, and it is expected that he will discuss this matter with American officials here.

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5. Mr. Clyde Clark of the Embassy has informed me that he is somewhat skeptical of this group for the following reasons:

a. That although the present small group is extremely idealistic in its outlook and its desire to form an anti-Communist "Center", in order to accomplish their vast plans they will have to recruit a great many people, some of whom will be no more than "infiltrators" and opportunists. For this reason he feels that it would be unwise for our Government to officially take a really active part in their activities.

b. That if the Spanish Government is going to work in close cooperation with this group, it will be impossible for our Government to take an active part since it would be admitting and confirming to the Spanish Government our clandestine activities.

c. That even though they have not asked for financial help to date, they will no doubt eventually expect it in return for their information, etcetera, and will perhaps also request the use of the Diplomatic pouch for communicating with other countries, and may expect certain "immunity" or protection in the event one of the group finds himself in trouble in different parts of the world.

6. However, Mr. Clark states it still is in the embryo stage and too early to make any definite decisions concerning it.

7. [] informs me that he is going to Tangiers the first part of December to discuss with the Legation there the Communist-Middle East activity in Tangiers.

8. This report has not been seen by the Embassy.

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